



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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The purpose of this letter is to reiterate the mission, objectives, and scope of the local Site Specific Advisory Boards (SSABs) associated with nine Department of Energy (DOE) environmental clean-up sites, and also to restate my commitment to support the Boards activities.

The SSABs are organized and managed by the Office of Environmental Management (EM) and, in accordance with the Environmental Management Site -Specific Advisory Board (EMSSAB) authorized charter, provide me, the applicable Site Managers, and any other DOE officials that I designate, with information, advice, and recommendations relative to issues affecting the EM program at the various sites. Although the reporting responsibilities and authorities at a number of sites have changed recently - sites at which EM. does not have a lead role - I expect the SSAB individual charters and objectives for those sites to focus specifically on EM program activities and issues, ensuring that the Board charter and activities do not include matters beyond these parameters.

The Boards represent a strong commitment by DOE to enhance its relationships with the communities surrounding DOE sites by considering community concerns and values in the Department decision-making processes.

If you have any further questions regarding my restatement of the EMSSAB charter provisions, or require additional information, please call Ms. Sandra Waisley, Acting Director of Intergovernmental and Public Accountability, at (202) 586-3087.

Sincerely, ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jessie Hill Roberson", is positioned above the printed name.

Jessie Hill Roberson
Assistant Secretary for
Environmental Management

